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In re Application of

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For **SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHODS**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initiating the Examination of the above-described continuation application, Applicants herewith submit the following Preliminary Amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1 and add the following claims:

2. A method for tracking the collection of information in a data network at a receiver station from a plurality of sources, said receiver station having a data network connection, a processor, an input device, and a data storage device, said method comprising the steps of:
- receiving from said input device a set of information collection parameters;
 - generating a query from said set of information collection parameters at said receiver station;